



Durham Police Department Statement about September 9 Taser Incident at Harris Teeter

On September 9 at approximately 5 p.m., Durham police officers responded to a trespassing call at the Harris Teeter at 2701 Hillsborough Road. Officers were told that a male refused to leave the store after being asked to do so by store management. Officers made contact with the arrestee and tried to encourage him to leave in lieu of arrest. The arrestee refused to comply and officers attempted to place him under arrest for trespassing. He struggled with officers and after several warnings officers were forced to deploy a Taser in an effort to safely gain custody of him. The male was arrested and charged with trespassing and resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer.

The incident is being investigated by the Durham Police Department's supervisory staff and will be reviewed by the Professional Standards Division, which is standard procedure any time an officer deploys a Taser.